utive agency to ensure that there is an adequate professional workforce; and

- (7) as part of the strategic planning and performance evaluation process required under section 306 of title 5 and sections 1105(a)(28), 1115, 1116, and 9703 of title 31—
  - (A) assessing the requirements established for agency personnel regarding knowledge and skill in acquisition resources management and the adequacy of such requirements for facilitating the achievement of the performance goals established for acquisition management:
  - (B) in order to rectify any deficiency in meeting such requirements, developing strategies and specific plans for hiring, training, and professional development; and
  - (C) reporting to the head of the executive agency on the progress made in improving acquisition management capability.

## (c) Senior procurement executive

- (1) The head of each executive agency shall designate a senior procurement executive who shall be responsible for management direction of the procurement system of the executive agency, including implementation of the unique procurement policies, regulations, and standards of the executive agency.
- (2) In the case of an executive agency for which a Chief Acquisition Officer has been appointed or designated under subsection (a) of this section, the head of such executive agency shall either—
- (A) designate the Chief Acquisition Officer as the senior procurement executive for the executive agency; or
- (B) ensure that the senior procurement executive designated for the executive agency under paragraph (1) reports directly to the Chief Acquisition Officer without intervening authority.

(Pub. L. 93–400, §16, as added Pub. L. 98–191, §7, Dec. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 1330; amended Pub. L. 98–369, div. B, title VII, §2732(b)(2), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1199; Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title XIV, §1421(a)(1), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1666.)

## AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108–136 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to executive agency responsibilities.

1984—Par. (1). Pub. L. 98-369 substituted "increase the use of full and open competition in the procurement of property or services by the executive agency by establishing policies, procedures, and practices that assure that the executive agency receives a sufficient number of sealed bids or competitive proposals from responsible sources to fulfill the Government's requirements (including performance and delivery schedules) at the lowest reasonable cost considering the nature of the property or service procured;" for "increase the use of effective competition in procurement by the executive agency;".

## § 414a. Personnel evaluation

The head of each executive agency that is subject to the provisions of title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 [41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.] shall ensure, with respect to the employees of that agency whose primary duties and responsibilities pertain to the

award of contracts subject to the provisions of this Act, that the performance appraisal system applicable to such employees affords appropriate recognition to, among other factors, efforts—

(1) to increase competition and achieve cost savings through the elimination of procedures that unnecessarily inhibit full and open competition;

(2) to further the purposes of the Small Business and Federal Procurement Competition Enhancement Act of 1984 and the Defense Procurement Reform Act of 1984; and

(3) to further such other objectives and purposes of the Federal acquisition system as may be authorized by law.

(Pub. L. 98–577, title V, §502, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3085.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, referred to in provision preceding par. (1), is act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, 63 Stat. 377, as amended. Title III of the Act is classified generally to subchapter IV (§251 et seq.) of chapter 4 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

This Act and the Small Business and Federal Procurement Competition Enhancement Act of 1984, referred to in provision preceding par. (1) and par. (2), is Pub. L. 98–577, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3066. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 251 of this title and Tables. The Defense Procurement Reform Act of 1984, re-

The Defense Procurement Reform Act of 1984, referred to in par. (2), is Pub. L. 98-525, title XII, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2588. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1984 Amendment note set out under section 2302 of Title 10, Armed Forces, and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Small Business and Federal Procurement Competition Enhancement Act of 1984, and not as part of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act which comprises this chapter.

## § 414b. Chief Acquisition Officers Council

## (a) Establishment

There is established in the executive branch a Chief Acquisition Officers Council.

## (b) Membership

The members of the Council shall be as follows:

- (1) The Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget, who shall act as Chairman of the Council.
- (2) The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.
- (3) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.
- (4) The chief acquisition officer of each executive agency that is required to have a chief acquisition officer under section 414 of this title and the senior procurement executive of each military department.
- (5) Any other senior agency officer of each executive agency, appointed by the head of the agency in consultation with the Chairman, who can effectively assist the Council in performing the functions set forth in subsection (e) of this section and supporting the associated range of acquisition activities.

## (c) Leadership; support

(1) The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall lead the activities of the

Council on behalf of the Deputy Director for Management.

- (2)(A) The Vice Chairman of the Council shall be selected by the Council from among its members.
- (B) The Vice Chairman shall serve a 1-year term, and may serve multiple terms.
- (3) The Administrator of General Services shall provide administrative and other support for the Council.

## (d) Principal forum

The Council is designated the principal interagency forum for monitoring and improving the Federal acquisition system.

#### (e) Functions

The Council shall perform functions that include the following:

- (1) Develop recommendations for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget on Federal acquisition policies and requirements.
- (2) Share experiences, ideas, best practices, and innovative approaches related to Federal acquisition.
- (3) Assist the Administrator in the identification, development, and coordination of multiagency projects and other innovative initiatives to improve Federal acquisition.
- (4) Promote effective business practices that ensure the timely delivery of best value products to the Federal Government and achieve appropriate public policy objectives.
- (5) Further integrity, fairness, competition, openness, and efficiency in the Federal acquisition system.
- (6) Work with the Office of Personnel Management to assess and address the hiring, training, and professional development needs of the Federal Government related to acquisition.
- (7) Work with the Administrator and the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council to promote the business practices referred to in paragraph (4) and other results of the functions carried out under this subsection.

(Pub. L. 93–400, §16A, as added Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title XIV, §1422(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1668.)

## § 415. Repealed. Pub. L. 103–355, title VI, § 6003, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3364

Section, Pub. L. 93–400, §17, as added Pub. L. 98–191, §7, Dec. 1, 1983, 97 Stat. 1330, directed Administrator to conduct studies and issue report by Apr. 1, 1984, to Congressional committees on extent of competition in award of subcontracts by Federal prime contractors.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

For effective date and applicability of repeal, see section 10001 of Pub. L. 103–355, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 251 of this title.

## § 416. Procurement notice

# (a) Covered executive agency activities; publication of notice; time limitations

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section—  $\,$ 
  - (A) an executive agency intending to—
  - (i) solicit bids or proposals for a contract for property or services for a price expected to exceed \$25.000; or

- (ii) place an order, expected to exceed \$25,000, under a basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or similar arrangement,
- shall publish a notice of solicitation described in subsection (b) of this section;
- (B) an executive agency intending to solicit bids or proposals for a contract for property or services for a price expected to exceed \$10,000, but not to exceed \$25,000, shall post, for a period of not less than ten days, in a public place at the contracting office issuing the solicitation a notice of solicitation described in subsection (b) of this section; and
- (C) an executive agency awarding a contract for property or services for a price exceeding \$25,000, or placing an order referred to in clause (A)(ii) exceeding \$25,000, shall furnish for publication by the Secretary of Commerce a notice announcing the award or order if there is likely to be any subcontract under such contract or order.
- (2)(A) A notice of solicitation required to be published under paragraph (1) may be published—
  - (i) by electronic means that meets the requirements for accessibility under paragraph (7); or
  - (ii) by the Secretary of Commerce in the Commerce Business Daily.
- (B) The Secretary of Commerce shall promptly publish in the Commerce Business Daily each notice or announcement received under this subsection for publication by that means.
- (3) Whenever an executive agency is required by paragraph (1)(A) to publish a notice of solicitation, such executive agency may not—
  - (A) issue the solicitation earlier than 15 days after the date on which the notice is published; or
  - (B) in the case of a contract or order expected to be greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, establish a deadline for the submission of all bids or proposals in response to the notice required by paragraph (1)(A) that—
    - (i) in the case of an order under a basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or similar arrangement, is earlier than the date 30 days after the date the notice required by paragraph (1)(A)(ii) is published;
    - (ii) in the case of a solicitation for research and development, is earlier than the date 45 days after the date the notice required by paragraph (1)(A)(i) is published; or
  - (iii) in any other case, is earlier than the date 30 days after the date the solicitation is issued
- (4) An executive agency intending to solicit offers for a contract for which a notice of solicitation is required to be posted under paragraph (1)(B) shall ensure that contracting officers consider each responsive offer timely received from an offeror.
- (5) An executive agency shall establish a deadline for the submission of all bids or proposals in response to a solicitation with respect to which no such deadline is provided by statute. Each deadline for the submission of offers shall afford potential offerors a reasonable opportunity to respond.